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# Apostrophes

**EXERCISE A** Add apostrophes where they are needed in the following items. If an item is already correct, write C above the item.

**Example 1.** the Californians' flag

1. didnt study
2. Brandons skates
3. how you write *rs*
4. womens league
5. both of the books titles
6. borrowing yours
7. the Chavezs house
8. youre my best friend
9. children's voices
10. after theyre through

**EXERCISE B** Add apostrophes where they are needed in the following sentences. Circle apostrophes that do not belong.

**Example 1.** Juan can't find his oneighbor's lost dog.

11. Its been missing since the neighborhood party held at the Merrills house.
12. Their party wasnt that long ago—only yesterday—but Juan couldnt help worrying.
13. He played with the neighbor's dog as much as if it were his'.
14. It's name is Boo-Boo, which Juan at first thought was spelled with two u's.
15. The neighbors got Boo-Boo in 95.
16. Finally, Juan found the dog in the backyard of the Changs', whose hedge had been trimmed and shaped to form a maze.
17. The hedge, formed in a pattern of repeating ss, had confused the dog.
18. Juan had called out several *Boo-Boos* when the dog finally responded.
19. Juans face relaxed into a smile he couldnt repress.
20. At exactly four oclock, Boo-Boo had been found!